> use information technology in marketing;

> participate in selected trade and consumer travel marts in potential markets;

> stage road shows in overseas markets to create awareness about tourism potential of India;

> create and develop integrated tourism circuits based on India's unique civilization, heritage and culture;

> ensure that the tourist to India gets physically invigorated, mentally rejuvenated, culturally enriched-spiritually elevated and feel India from within.

Expenditure on flood and erosion control in the North-East

1777. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to State:

(a) the deails of expenditure made out of the Rs. 500 crore granted towards flood and erosion control measures in the North-East under P.M.'s special package 1996;

(b) the present status of the master plan prepared by Brahmaputra Board for erosion/protection of Majuli Island in Assam;

(c) whether Central Water Commission (CWC) has cleared the plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and target set to complete the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The status of implementation of various programmes/economic packages in respect of releases made out of the Rs. 500.00 crore granted towards flood and erosion control measures in North-East under Prime Minister's special package 1996 given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Brahmaputra Board had approved a Master Plan for Majuli Island which *inter-alia*, envisaged anti erosion measures to protect the island from severe erosion. Accordingly the Board had prepared a project report costing Rs. 192.25 crore which was examined in Central Water Commission (CWC). This report was subsequently modified and revised

after discussions between CWC and Brahmaputra Board. the revised Detailed Project Report with an estimated cost of Rs. 102.43 crore has now been submitted to CWC recently on 18.7.2003 for their examination.

(c) and (d) The proposals received in CWC are technically examined and observations/comments are sent to the concerned authorities for compliance. The time taken in clearance of schemes depends upon the satisfactory compliance to the observations by the concerned authorities. In the meantime, the Brahmaputra Board had constituted a Committee of Experts comprising of Senior Officers from Water Resources Department, Govt. of Assam, CWC, CWPRS, Brahmaputra Board to identify and suggest immediate anti erosion measures to be taken up for protection of Majuli island. The Committee visited the island during the month of June, 2003 and suggested various measures to be undertaken at most critical reaches affected by the flood. On the suggestion of the Committee, the Board has recently prepared an estimate amounting to Rs. 5.99 crore for implementation of the immediate measures.

Statement

Total Outlay, Amount Disbursed and Achievements made on Utilisation of Funds from the Prime Minister's Special Package for Rs. 500 crore

Sl. No.	Name of works	Outlay (Rs. in crore)	Amount disbursed	Achievements made
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Short term flood control measures to be implemented by the Govt. of Assam.	150.00	Rs. 51.00 crore (Central Loan Assistance)+ Rs. 49.00 crore (from Non-lapsable Pool of resources/Additional Central Assistance) Total released- Rs. 100.00 crore	In this connection, it is stated that a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 150 crore is also under formulation by the Ministry of Water Resources for taking up critical flood control/anti-erosion schemes in Brahmaputra-Barak valley for providing central assistance to Assam and other North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal during the 10th Five year Plan
2.	Majuli Island Protection works to	30.00	—	A Detailed Project Report at an estimated revised cost of

1	2	3	4	5
	be taken up by the Brahmaputra Board as part of a comprehensive scheme for protection of the island presently under preparation by Brahmaputra Board (Short-term works).			Rs. 102.43 crore has been framed by Brahmaputra Board and is under examination . In the meantime, action is being taken to take up most urgent and immediate erosion control measures in Majuli island at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.99 crore.
3.	Pagladiya Project	214.00	The project commenced in Jan., 2001, an amount of Rs. 42.32 crore has been released so far.	The pre-construction activities of the project are in progress including R & R works., An area of 956 ha. of land has been acquired so far. During 10th plan, an outlay of Rs. 250 crore has been kept.
4.	Harrang Drainage Development Scheme	11.00	Rs. 10.81 crore has already been released for this scheme during IX Plan. An amount of Rs. 5.0 crore has been released during 2002-03 and Rs., 0.83 crore during this year so far. The estimate has been revised to Rs. 30.49 crore.	Works are targeted to be completed during the current financial year *i.e.* 2003-04.
5.	Pre-construction activities of Tipaimukh (Manipur-Mizoram States) investigation of Dihang and Subansiri project (Arunachal Pradesh)	50.00	—	Tipaimukh Dam Project has been handed over to North Eastern electric Power Corporation Ltd. and Dihang and Subansiri dam projects have been handed over to National Hydro Electric Power Corporation under Ministry of Power for further detailed investigations and implementation.
6.	Specific flood control Schemes in Manipur State	45.00	—	The State Govt of Manipur have submitted flood control schemes worth Rs. 18.44 crore for inclusion in EFC Memo. The allocation of funds will depend upon the finalization and approval of the EFC Memo by the competent authority.

Note : As part of short term flood/anti erosion measure, a scheme namely "Avulsion of river Brahmaputra of Dholla Hathighuli, Assam" has been approved by the Government of India which was taken up by the Brahmaputra Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.47 crore. Major portion of this scheme has already been completed during the year 2002-03. An amount of Rs. 7.5 crore was released for this scheme.